Realistic tourists are often advised to let the petty gouging go.

Thus the coy Italian waiter and his blurring pencil: you're fleeced, but not of much, by charm.

Contrast to the American businessman who does the same for much more, remaining utterly devoid of anything resembling charm.

Yet, there is a something romantic in icy Commercial society. That is: warm success in diddling the customers and evading the government.

Screw domestically and bank internationally. That details the romance in there.

Add books about these rogues by dunderhead business professors, raising them to hero status equal to the battered marines thrusting up the flag at Iwo Jima.